(c) Tre CIF cost of import of sugar during 1986-87 is provisionally estimated at Rs. 220 crores. The foreign exchange earned through export of sugar during the year was valued at Rs. 18.50 crores.

Afforestation programme by NWDB

1040. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Notional Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) has launched afforestation programme to encourage individuals to participate in the 'Forest Plantation Drive' all over the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the total acreage of land covered under this programme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Participation by individuals in the afforestation programme is an important element of the Twenty Point Programme. The National Wastelands Development Board also recommended to the States/UT Governments to device schemes for making land available to rural poor and encourage them to plant trees on such lands by giving usufruct and ownership rights on the planted trees.

(c) The number of seedling distributed under Farm Forestry component of the Twenty Point Programme and the national area on which tree planting has been done during the 6th Plan and in 1985-86 are given below:

Period	No. of seedlings distributed (in lakh)	National areas in lakh ha.
6th Plan . . .	38000	19
1985-86 . . .	139	6.96

Instant Tea Project, Jorhat

1041. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Instant Tea Projec, sponsored by the Tea Board at Toklai Tea Research Association at Jorhat, has been closed;

(b) whether the Project is likely to be sold out to the Vice-Chairman of the Tea Board; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken for the re-employment of the skilled and other employees of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) A decision had been taken for transfer/sale of the Tea Board's pilot plant for instant tea at Tocklai with a view to making available the know-how to intending entrepreneurs in India. Details are under finalisation.

Organisation of cultural fairs by the ITDC

1042. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the cultural fairs that have been organised by the ITDC in its various hotels and also participation by the ITDC in various food festivals in India and

abroad since April, 1983 to March, 1987;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to measure the benefits derived from such cultural fairs and food festivals; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the benefits accrued and expenditure incurred on each fair/festival during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The details of Food-cum-Cultural Festival/Food Festivals organised by ITDC in its hotels and the Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festivals/Food Festivals organised abroad between April, 1983 to March, 1987 are given in the enclosed statement. (See below) These activities are organised for sales promotion and publicity of ITDC, besides promoting Indian culture and Indian cuisine abroad for promoting tourism in India. The benefits derived therefrom cannot be precisely quantified. No profit/loss accounts have been maintained separately because the expenditure for each function/festival is not reflected separately in the account books.

Statement

Details of Food-cum cultural Festivals/Food Festivals held in India and Indian Food-cum Cultural Festivals/Food/Festivals and cultural programmes organised by ITDC Abroad during the period from 1-4-83 *to* 31-3-87

Sl. No.	Name of the Food-cum-cultural Festival/ Food Festival	Duration
	I. FESTIVALS ORGANISED IN INDIA	
1	*Ashok Hotel, New Delhi*	
	(a) American Food Fiesta	26-10-85
	(b) Parsi Food Festival	08-11-85 to 10-11-85
	(c) Japanese Food Festival	03-04-86 to 10-04-86
	(d) Kashmiri Food cum Cultural Festival	22-06-86 to 28-06-86
2	*Samrat Hotel, Dew Delhi*	
	(a) Easter Carnival	21-04-84 to 23-04-84
	(b) Tamasha	26-04-85 to 07-07-85 (on every weekend)
	(c) Pizza Parade	15-08-85 to 25-08-85
	(d) Easter Eggs Extravaganza	14-09-85
	(e) Hungama	26-01-86 to 09-02-86
	(f) Himachal Food cum Cultural Festival	15-02-86 to 18-02-86
	(g) Pizza Parade	06-09-86 to 12-09-86
3	*Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi*	
	(a) Goan Food cum Cultural Festival	11-03-85 to 17-03-85
	(b) Fun Carnival	22-12-85
	(c) Kerala Food-cum-Cultural Festival	02-05-86 to 06-05-86

Sl. No.	Name of the Food-cum-Cultural Festival/Food Festival	Duration
4	*Hotel Janpath, New Delhi*	
	Pakora and Malpura Festival	17-08-85 to 23-08-85
5	*Qutab Hotel, New Delhi*	
	Goan Food cum-Cultural Festival	28-10-86 to 30-10-86
6	*Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi*	
	Mango Festival	22-06-85 to 30-06-85
7	*Hotel Ashok, Bangalore*	
	(a) Goan Food-cum-Cultural Festival	19-10-85 to 23-10-85
	(b) Kashmiri Food-cum-Cultural Festival	03-7-86 to 06-07-86
	(c) Diwali Mela—Food Festival	31-10-86
	(d) Himachal Food-cum-Cultural Festiva	29-1-87 to 01-02-87
8	*Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Mysore*	
	(a) Hyderabad Food Festival	11-04-86 to 15-04-86
	(b) Himachal Food-cum-Cultural Festival	02-02-87
9	*Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur*	
	Goan Food-cum-Cultural Festival	17-10-86 to 19-10-86
10	*Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi*	
	Goan Food-cum-Cultural Festival	23-10-86 to 25-10-86

II. FESTIVALS ORGANISED ABROAD

Sl. No.	Name of the Food-cum-Cultural Festival/Food Festival	Duration	Sponsoring Agency
II.	*Festivals Organised Abroad*		
1	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Kualalmpur	09-05-83 to 22-05-83	Equatorial Hotel
2	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Bangkok	29-09-83 to 12-10-83	Rama Towers Hotel
3	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Athens	15-06-84 to 19-06-84	Hotel Holiday-Inn
4	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Kualalmpur	01-10-84 to 14-10-84	Equatorial Hotel
5	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Singapore	16-10-84 to 18-10-84	Indian High Commission

Sl. No.	Name of the Food-cum-Cultural Festival/Food Festival	Duration	Sponsoring Agency
6	Indian Food Festival, Mauritius . .	20-10-84 to 03-11-84	LaBonne Marmite Restaurant
7	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Dubai	15-12-84 to 19-12-84	Hyatt Regency Hotel and Air India
8	Indian Food Festival, Berlin . .	02-03-85 to 08-03-85	Ms. A.M.K. Berlin
9	Food and Beverage Operations in the Festival of India Celebrations, USA	26-06-85 to 07-07-85	Festival of India Dept. of Culture Govt. of India
10	Indian Food Festival, New York . .	25-9-85 to 9-10-85	Windows on the World Restaurant
11	Indian Food-cum-Cultural Festival, Amsterdam	29-08-86 to 07-09-86	Sonesta Hotel and KLM Airlines
12	Indian Food Festival, Panama City	12-11-86 to 14-11-86	Union Club of Panama

Statement II

Details of the Cultural Programmes Held in ITDC Hotels During the Period From 1-4-83 to 31-3-87

Unit	Name of the Cultural Programme	Duration
1. Ashok Hotel New Delhi	(a) Theatre evening-dance by Ms. Swati Mahalaxmi	15-8-83
	(b) Ghazal programme by Pankaj Udhas .	15-9-83
	(c) Jaaz Yatra Festival	17—22-1-84
	(d) Quali programme by Ms. Malika Pukhraj & Ms. Tahira Sayed	10-2-84
	(e) Theatre evening—dance by Raja Radha Reddy	26-1-85
	(f) Lohri Festival	13-1-85
	(g) Sitar Recital by Pt. Ravi Shankar . .	20-2-85
	(h) Odissi dance recital by Ms. Protima Bedi	10-4-85
	(i) Theatre evening—dance by Ms. Swapna Sundari	15-8-85
	(j) Theatre evening—dance by Ms. Yamini Krishnamurthy	26-1-86
	(k) Jaaz Yatra Festival	26-2-86 to 2-3-86
	(l) Kuchipudi dance recital by Ms. Sarla Kumari	01-2-86
	(m) Odissi dance recital by Ms. Sanjukta Panigrahi	15-8-86

	Unit	Name of the Cultural Programme	Duration
		(n) Theatre evening—Bharat Natyam by M/s Alarmal Valli	26.1.87
		(o) New Grass Revival-music programme	07.3.87
2.	Kanishka Hotel New Delhi	(a) Sham Phoolon Ki	09.7.83
		(b) Jaaz Music Festival	06.9.83
		(c) Id Milan	17.9.83
		(d) Shaane' Quwali	16.6.84
3.	Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort Kovalam	(a) Onam Carnival	3.9.84 to 9.9.84
4.	Hotel Aurangabad; Ashok Aurangabad	(a) Quwali by Nasim Banu and party	27.10.84 to 10.11.84

ITDC Projects

1043. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects were originally envisaged in the Sixth Plan of ITDC and the number of projects completed;

(b) how many projects are behind the schedule and what is the percentage of their cost escalation over and above the original cost estimates during the above period; and

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the time over-run and cost escalation of delayed projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) ITDC's approved Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) envisaged 16 hotel projects (including expansion of its existing properties and the joint venture hotel projects), out of which, six were completed during the Plan period.

(b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The main reasons for time and cost over-run are:

(i) in the case of 6 Joint Venture Projects:

—time-lag between the concept and formation of joint venture companies.

—paucity of funds due to delay in release of equity contribution by the State Governments/ Corpns.

—delay in transfer of land.

—non-availability of steel and cement.

(ii) in the case of 4 ITDC Projects:

—delay in allotment of site by the State Government.

—revision in the scope of project works during its execution.

Keeping in view the above unavoidable reasons ITDC has not found it necessary to fix responsibility in such cases.